

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**TRACY J. HILL,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL  
SECURITY,**

**Defendant.**

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**Case No. 2:22-cv-1971**

**JUDGE ALGENON L. MARBLEY**

**Magistrate Judge Jolson**

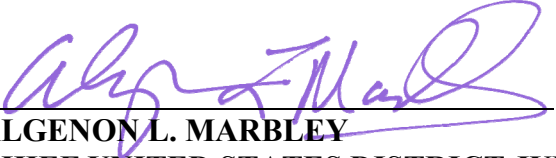
**ORDER**

This matter comes before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion for an Award of Attorney Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (ECF No. 15). The parties jointly stipulate and petition this Court to enter an award of attorneys' fees in the amount of \$4,100.00 to Plaintiff, which will satisfy all of Plaintiff's claims for fees, costs, and expenses under the EAJA that may be payable in this case.

Defendant states that any fees paid belong to Plaintiff, and not Plaintiff's attorney, and can be offset to satisfy pre-existing debt that Plaintiff owes to the United States. *See Astrue v. Ratcliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). After this Court enters the award, counsel for the parties shall verify that Plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt to the Government subject to offset; then, Defendant agrees to make the award payable to Plaintiff's attorney pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff and Plaintiff's counsel.

In light of the foregoing, this Court **GRANTS** the parties' Joint Stipulation to award Plaintiff attorneys' fees in the amount of \$4,100.00.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
**ALGENON L. MARBLEY**  
**CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

**DATED: December 19, 2022**